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daily.  
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persons with certain exceptions, who  
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\$23,970,387.**  
1—Authorized Capital \$8,000,000  
Subscribed Capital \$2,437,500  
Paid-up Capital 3,637,047  
II—Fire Fund 17,567,590  
III—Life & Annuity Funds 1,233,340  
Sinking Fund Account 128,230  
\$23,970,387  
Revenue Fire Branch 2,581,456  
Life and Annuity 2,141,583  
Branches 337,229  
Revenue Marine Department 675,940  
Other Receipts 25,328,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various  
Branches are separately invested, and, by  
Act of Parliament, are not liable to meet  
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	Dayboats.	Nightboats.
Saloon, Single	\$5.00	\$7.00
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In addition to the above, for the convenience of the travelling public a special  
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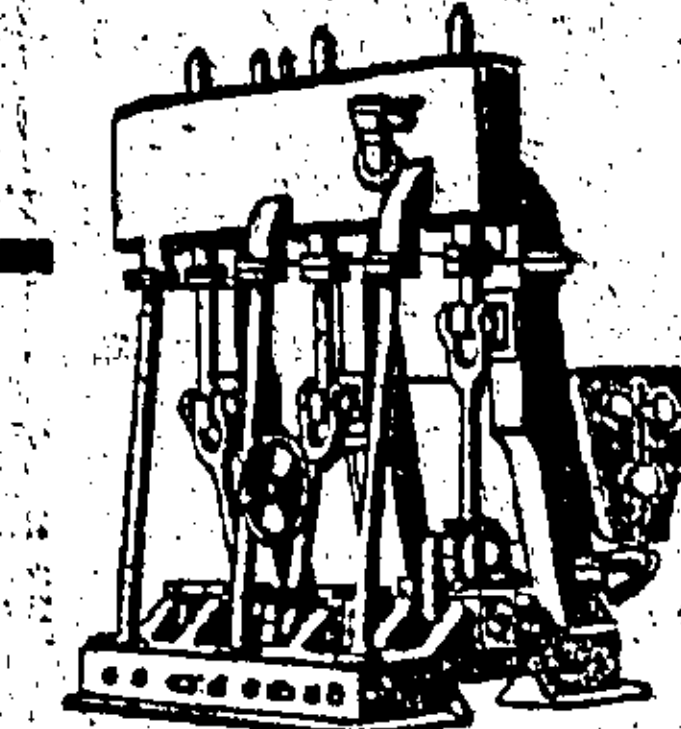
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Hongkong, April 1, 1918.

WONG FING WA, Manager.

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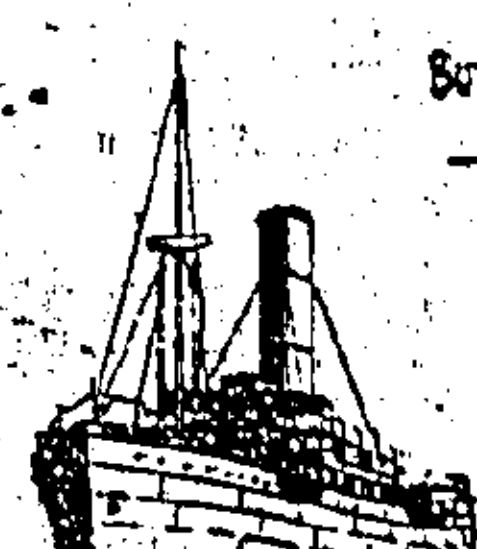
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### APPALLING COST OF ENEMY'S SUCCESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORTS.

BATTLE CONTINUES WITH THE  
GREATEST INTENSITY.

London, Mar. 24.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—  
The battle is continuing with the  
greatest intensity on the whole front  
southward of the river Scarpe.

Our troops have taken up their  
new positions southward and west-  
ward of St. Quentin and have been  
heavily engaged with the enemy.

Strong hostile attacks during the  
night in the neighbourhood of Jussy  
were repulsed with great enemy loss.

On the northern portion of the  
battle front the enemy's attacks were  
pressed with the utmost determina-  
tion, regardless of losses.

Our troops maintained their posi-  
tions on the greater part of this front  
after a fierce and prolonged struggle.

Great gallantry was shown by the  
troops engaged in fighting in this  
area and southwards. The Nine-  
teenth and Ninth Divisions distin-  
guished themselves by the valour of  
their defence. In one sector six  
attacks, in two of which the German  
cavalry participated, were beaten off  
by one of our infantry brigades.

The enemy's attacks continue  
with great violence.

THE WORK OF THE AVIATORS.

London, Mar. 23.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,  
reporting on aviation, says:—  
The thick morning mist yesterday  
prevented our aeroplanes from leav-  
ing the ground during the early  
part of the day. When the mist  
cleared aerial activity on the battle  
front became very great. The  
enemy's low-flying machines were  
particularly active in machine-gun-  
ning our forward troops.

The enemy's massed troops offered  
good targets to our low-flying aero-  
planes.

The location of large bodies of  
troops and transport was reported by  
our machines to the artillery and we  
successfully engaged them.

Eight-and-a-half tons of bombs  
were dropped on hostile railway  
stations in the rear of the battle  
front, also on billets, high velocity  
guns, troops and transport.

Almost all the combats took place  
between Arras and St. Quentin.

We brought down 27 machines and  
drove down 20.

Anti-aircraft guns shot down three  
planes.

Eight of ours are missing. Our  
night-fliers dropped 14 tons of bombs  
on billets and dumps in areas where  
the enemy's attacking troops con-  
centrated.

All our machines returned.

LINE FROM THE SOMME TO  
PERONNE HELD.

CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTING  
EXPECTED.

London, Mar. 24.  
2.15 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
states:—  
There has been no material change  
in the battle front during the night,  
though further fighting occurred at  
a number of points.

We are holding the line from the  
Somme River to Peronne. Small  
parties of the enemy endeavoured  
to force in the neighbourhood of  
Pargny, but were driven back.

We are in touch on the right with  
the French.  
Northwards of the Somme River  
our troops at Peronne held their  
position. After heating off a number  
of attacks at different portions on  
this front in the early part of the  
night.

Heavy fighting must still be  
expected.

#### SIR D. HAIG CONGRATULATES THE TROOPS.

London, Mar. 24.

The Press Bureau states:—

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,  
on the 21st inst., telegraphed to the  
Generals of the Third and Fifth  
Armies congratulating their troops on  
their splendid defence. He relies on  
their continued steadfastness and  
valour to crush this new attack, and  
with it the enemy's last hope of  
success.

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS IN ALL CHURCHES.

London, Mar. 24.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has  
ordered special prayers in all  
Churches "on behalf of the Army  
and the righteous cause for which  
we are fighting."

#### A PRESS CORRESPONDENT'S NARRATIVE.

#### SLAUGHTER OF THE ENEMY APPALLING.

London, Mar. 23.

Reuter's Correspondent at British  
Headquarters, telegraphing to-day,  
says:—

There is now no doubt that the  
Germans are making their supreme  
effort against the British. Fifty  
enemy Divisions have already been  
flung into battle, whilst probably 25  
more are in close reserve. The Ger-  
mans are crushing on, regardless of  
the cost, under a tremendous on-  
slaught. Our troops in many places  
are very slowly falling back volun-  
tarily, and in excellent order, so as  
to maintain an unbroken front to  
the dense enemy masses.

Yesterday and throughout the  
night the battle front continued to  
extend southward. I hear the  
French are now engaged on our right.

There is very intense fighting  
around Roisel and Tincourt, where,  
with indomitable valour, every foot  
of ground was contested.

The slaughter of the enemy is  
appalling. Twelve times did every  
available gun in this area concentrate  
upon solid massed bodies of the  
Germans.

Our airmen are weary with empty-  
ing machine guns and bombs into  
dense grey assemblies and are return-  
ing for more ammunition to enable  
them to repeat the operation. North-  
ward the enemy is pressing hard  
upon the defenders of Hemies.

They got into Mory but a very dash-  
ing counter-attack drove them out  
and a large party was surrounded  
and probably captured.

The scenes of activity behind the  
battle front baffles description, but  
everywhere there is the same well-  
ordered organisation and quiet con-  
fidence.

The weather remains wonderfully  
fine, although visibility is somewhat  
hampered by local ground mists.

#### ANOTHER AIR-RAID ON PARIS.

#### SEVERAL CASUALTIES.

London, Mar. 23.

An official report from Paris  
states:—  
Several enemy aeroplanes flew  
over Paris at 8.30 in the morning.  
There were several casualties.  
The enemy planes were chased off  
by our machines and the "all clear"  
was signalled at 4.20 in the after-  
noon.

London, Mar. 24.

A French official report states:—  
Enemy aeroplanes crossed our  
front at 8.40 yesterday evening and  
bombarded several localities behind  
the front without causing much  
damage.

24th. Bombers did not reach Paris  
this fall. The "all clear" was given at  
10.10.



## INTIMATIONS

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Federal Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, Mar. 8, 1918. 214

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Under-Signed at 11 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, Mar. 9, 1918. 222

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1918. 216

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COLONIAL (Hongkong) REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 25th March, 1918, to WEDNESDAY, 26th April, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Mar. 18, 1918. 248

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PURCHASERS OF PARIMUTUEL TICKETS on the fifth Race, Second Day, for Cash Sweep, Places and Winners, also Cash Sweep Ticket Holders, of following Races can obtain a refund on production of their tickets at the Offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the HONGKONG CLUB ANNEX, CHATER ROAD, between the hours of 4.30 P.M. and 5.30 P.M. on MONDAY, the 4th March, 1918, until 5.30 March (Saturdays and Sundays excepted).

HOLDERS OF UNPAID WINNING TICKETS (Cash Sweep, Places and Winners) will also be paid at the same place and between the same hours as stated above on production of their tickets.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Accountants to the  
Hongkong Jockey Club.

Hongkong, Mar. 1, 1918. 192

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD  
YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1914).

SUBSCRIBERS to the above Loan are hereby reminded that Interest Coupons become invalid for payment on the expiry of three years from the date on which the half-yearly period covered by them ends. Thus Coupon No. 2 covering interest on the above Loan for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1918, will CEASE to be valid for payment after 30th June 1918. Bondholders who have not yet presented this Coupon for payment should do so before 1st July, 1918.

F. A. AGLEN,  
Inspector General of Customs.

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## INTIMATIONS

SANTARY BOARD OFFICE,  
HONGKONG.

## TO THE

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 3 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the WESTERN Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by Members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this Notice means that the Houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Ceilings, Partitions, Stair Cases and Stair Landings, all Ceilings and the Under-sides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing Walls lime-washed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be Cleaned.

The WESTERN Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Clerken Street.

G. M. W. REYNOLDS,  
Secretary.

Dated this 23rd Day of March, 1918. (261)

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Hongkong, Mar. 20, 1918. 254

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COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's weekly

share report for 22nd March, states:—

A quiet week has to be recorded, the

volume of business being on a small

scale, at rates on a level with last week's.

The near approach of March Settlement

is no doubt responsible for the small

volume of business passing. Most of

the liquidation for the settlement ap-

pears to be finished, and rates may be

expected to maintain their present level.

The Cotton share market in Shanghai

has again advanced, nearly all stocks

showing an increase on last week's rates.

BANKS.—Hongkong Banks are offering

at \$615 with no business reported. The

London rate fell to \$28 1/2, in the

beginning of the week, but has since

recovered to \$28 1/2.

MARINE INSURANCE.—Cantons have

come to business at \$350 and Unions at

\$300. North Chinas are wanted at Tls.

120, and Yangtzes at \$31 1/2.

FIRE INSURANCE.—China Fires at

\$133 and Hongkong Fires at \$350 are

unchanged from last week.

SURFACES.—Douglases are offering

at \$77, probably lower rates would be

accepted. Steamboats have come to

business at \$18 1/2 to a small extent.

Preferred Indos are wanted at \$33 1/2

and Deferred Indos after marking time

for the greater part of the week with a

nominal quotation of \$160 have now

buyers at \$154 for cash after business at

this rate. Star Ferries at \$28 and Shells

at \$190 show no alteration.

REVENUES.—China Sugars have

changed hands at \$80 and close with

buyers at \$81. Malabons could be placed

at \$80.

ONLS AND MINING.—Kailans have buyers

at \$40 and Langkats at Tls. 14 1/2. Bahe

have weakly to a selling rate of \$2.

Trombs of \$1 be placed at \$2 and

Urals at 20, have come to business.

LOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—

Kowloon Wharves are quoted \$23 1/2

with buyers offering \$1 lower. Hong-

kong Docks have changed hands at

\$121 and \$131. Shanghai Docks after

several fluctuations close with buyers at

Tls. 97 for cash and Tls. 100 for June.

LANDS.—HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—

Centrals at \$90 Hongkong Hotels at

\$87, Hongkong Land at \$85, Kowloon

Land at \$87 and West Point at \$78

show no change from last week.

Humphreys could be placed at \$80.

CORRUM MINZ.—The following are

Shanghai quotations under this head-

ing:—Soye Tls. 17 1/2, Shanghai Cottons

Tls. 128, Kunze Yika Tls. 114, Yangtze

poes Tls. 6.80, Orientals Tls. 43.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Elec-

trics are wanted at \$49 1/2. Hongkong

Trams have come to business at \$610.

China Lights have buyers at \$410.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Bismuth at \$9.

China Bismuth at \$7.10 and Powells

at \$9 could all be placed at quotations.

Dairy Farms have buyers at \$29 and

sellers at \$30. Hongkong Ice at \$1



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**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.**  
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Bedroom Furniture (Fumed teak).  
Also  
**One KOREAN CABINET.**  
A number of lots of Books comprising Works on Occult Subjects, Poems and Drama, Novels, Art Magazines, &c., New Tennis Racquet and Press, Electric Fittings, &c.  
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One 6 in. Double Cylinder Manchester Pump by Francis &amp; Co. and 12 in. cylinders, 14 in. stroke with suction and delivery pipes about 50 ft.  
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Also  
A quantity of Steel Wire Rope, Old Metal, &c.  
On view from 2nd April.  
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(Sunday's Cables.)  
**THE WAR.**  
**A STUPENDOUS BATTLE.**  
**ENEMY ATTACKS RENEWED IN GREAT STRENGTH.**  
**FIERCE FIGHTING ON THE WHOLE BATTLE FRONT.**  
**SPLENDID GALLANTRY OF BRITISH DIVISIONS.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORTS.**

London, Mar. 23.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
The enemy this morning renewed his attacks in great strength on practically the whole battle front. Fierce fighting in our battle positions is still continuing.  
The enemy progressed at certain points. Elsewhere our counter-attacks threw him back.  
Our losses were inevitably considerable, but not out of proportion to the magnitude of the battle.  
Reports from all parts show that the enemy's losses continue very heavy. His advance everywhere was made at a great sacrifice.  
Our troops are fighting with the greatest gallantry. Exceptional gallantry was shown by the 24th Division who protected the defence of Leuven, also the Third Division who maintained their positions near Croisilles and northwards against repeated attacks. The Fifty-first Division made a very gallant fight near the Bapaume-Cambrai Road against repeated attacks.  
Identifications obtained show that the opening attack was delivered by forty German Divisions supported by a great number of German artillery and also supported by Austrian batteries. Many other German Divisions have since participated in the fighting, while others are arriving.  
Further very severe fighting is anticipated.

**BATTLE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE VISUALISED.**

**WHOLE SERIES OF ATTACKS LAUNCHED.**

**SPLENDID DEFENSIVE OF ARMY.**

London, Mar. 22.  
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—  
It can safely be said that the British armies view with calm confidence the result of the splendid defensive they have thus far offered to the Hun hordes. While it is impossible to predict what the future holds, it seems pretty certain that yesterday's attack forms part of a great German offensive. They are "all out." They paid a colossal price yesterday for their small gains.  
The battle was too big to be visualised as a whole. Nineteen enemy Divisions were identified in yesterday's fighting and intense barages preceded the initial local attacks, which were mainly repulsed.  
Then the enemy, between 8.30 and 10 o'clock in the morning launched a whole series of attacks astride the Dunoid Canal, throwing in three successive waves, one following another, closely supported by massed formations of "storm" troops.  
By mid-day this great effort was spent, having forced our line to withdraw in several places. At five o'clock fresh troops attacked, again heavily, in a north-westerly direction from Fontaine to La Croisilles, but this attempt was held up by withering machine-gun fire.  
The Germans having established themselves at Doignies, which is a position of tactical advantage, we counter-attacked at 7 o'clock in the evening with infantry and Tanks, and drove them out again.  
Heavy ground mist considerably handicapped aerial work, but the weather thus far has been distinctly in our favour.  
The enemy is employing his best Divisions, including at least two Divisions of the Prussian Guards.  
It is rumoured that Austrian batteries were supporting, but hitherto they have not been identified.  
Early to-day the enemy was heavily shelling the region of Senin near Arras. He is still pushing forward large masses and reinforcing troops.

**BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB ENEMY TROOPS.**  
**INNUMERABLE CASUALTIES INFLICTED.**

London, Mar. 23.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—  
Owing to the mist and light being only suitable for low flying, the enemy's attacking troops and reinforcements on the battle-front offered excellent targets for our pilots, who poured thousands of rounds into them, causing innumerable casualties.  
Our bombers also attacked troops, dropping over 900 bombs on troops and railway stations on the battle-front.  
There was much air-fighting. We brought down 16 machines, drove down six and shot down one.  
Three of our planes are missing.  
Our night-fliers dropped 34 tons of bombs on the Druges docks and 34 tons on the billets at Tournai.  
All our machines returned.

**FRENCH FRONT.**

**HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED ON FOE.**

London, Mar. 22.  
A French communiqué states:—  
We repulsed strong enemy *coupes-de-main* south of the Juvin-court sector, at Godat, north of Courcy and north of the Aisne. At two of the last points enemy detachments were driven out of the advanced elements after a lively fight, in which the enemy suffered appreciable losses.  
An enemy attempt west of Mont Comaillet and Champagne also failed.  
There was fairly lively artillery firing in the region of Monts, at some points on the right of the Meuse and at Woerth.  
London, Mar. 23.  
A French communiqué states:—  
Artillery was active in the early part of the day and more violent in the afternoon, particularly north of Chemen-de-Danck and in the region of Courcy, Koppels, Champagne and south of Moron-Villiers.  
Three enemy *coupes-de-main* north of Souain and east of Teton were without result.

**GERMAN REPORTS.**

London, Mar. 22.  
A wireless German official report states:—  
A strong artillery duel continued on the Belgian, French and Flanders fronts. Reconnoitring detachments penetrated frequently the enemy lines.  
We attacked the English positions south-eastward of Arras as far as La Fere. The infantry stormed in broad sectors and everywhere we captured the first lines.  
The firing duel increased in intensity on both sides at Rheims and Champagne. Prisoners were brought in from many sectors.  
We continued the destruction of infantry positions and batteries before Verdun.  
A wireless German official report states:—  
Yesterday's successes between Arras and La Fere have been extended. 16,000 prisoners and 200 guns have so far been reported.

**THE FINAL DECISION WITH ENGLAND.**

**GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.**

London, Mar. 22.  
The German Press speaks of the present battle as an effort to reach a final decision with England.  
For example, the Conservative journal, *Tagliche Rundschau* says: "A single combat between England and Germany to decide whether the Anglo-Saxons should continue to press their will upon the world, has begun."  
The semi-official *Morgen Freiheit* contains a significant admission that the Austrians are defending Stassburg against a possible French move against there.  
Other statements of the Austrian Press confirm the belief that Austrian artillery are massed on the eastern side of the French Front.

**BULGARIAN TROOPS IN THE WEST.**

German newspapers also report the arrival of Bulgarians in the Western Front.  
The Kaiser, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff have arrived in the battle area.

**DETAILS FROM PRESS CORRESPONDENTS.**

**THE ENEMY'S INTENTION.**

Mr. Percival Phillips, a War Correspondent in France, reports:—  
The hardest fighting is on our flanks. The enemy north wing takes a line near to which we retired on Thursday, namely some hundreds of yards east of the villages of Vaux, Vraucourt, Marchais, and Beaumetz. This makes the enemy's indentation very roughly from about 2,900 yards at the greatest point in the neighbourhood of Croisilles to 500 or 600 yards at the lower end. We retired east of Doignies where we occupied the Hindenburg system in November to what was generally our old front line before that advance, except that we retain Havrincourt. The situation west of the Scheldt Canal between Gouzaucourt and St. Quentin is not clear, but the enemy undoubtedly is in some villages behind our former front line. Everywhere he is holding the back areas with increasing intensity. His intention obviously is to keep throwing in fresh divisions and to continue terrific blows incessantly.

**"THE SPIRIT OF OUR MEN REMAINS MAGNIFICENT."**

London, Mar. 23.  
Mr. Philip Gibbs, a Press Correspondent in France, says:—  
Our troops were heavily engaged on our right to-day near St. Quentin. We were much outnumbered, nine German Divisions being hurled against three of ours at one point and eight against two at another.  
A soldier described the enemy's advance as "like bees out of a hive; the more one shot the more there seemed to come on."  
It was the return of the old German methods at Mons, Le Cateau and Verdun; the only surprise is that the enemy did not introduce any novelty in the attack. There were no Tanks and no special gas. The enemy relied, as of old, on ruthless sacrifice of life in the hope of overwhelming the defence by sheer weight of numbers and on their gun-power. There were a thousand guns opposite three British Divisions. Nothing hitherto was experienced by the British like the length and width of the barrage that was laid down against our defences at five o'clock yesterday morning and continued throughout the day without a pause, except when it jumped forward to let the infantry attack and the guns advance. Simultaneously heavy guns were concentrated in our rear as far back as 28 miles behind the lines.  
It was during the last hour of bombardment that the enemy poured out gas shells and continued to gas our batteries and reserve trenches the day long, filling the atmosphere with poisonous clouds, but this weapon was unsuccessful. The British had trained for weeks past and fought yesterday in masks, in some cases for eight hours. Box respirators proved most effective. There were only six cases of gasing in one of the largest casualty clearing stations this morning. A number of tanks brilliantly counter-attacked on Thursday evening and recaptured some ground near Doignies.  
The spirit of our men remains magnificent. The troops I saw to-day going in to battle with bands playing, were chitling and smiling with calm confidence.

**"OUR LINE, IF WITHDRAWN, HOLDS FIRM."**

Mr. Perry Robinson, another Correspondent in France, writes:—  
The fighting on Friday was generally along our reserve line. That the Germans would break some sections of our front was anticipated. So far we are satisfied with the situation. Despite the terrible hammering of the British front line the troops fought magnificently and completely held the attack over a large part of the line. This is particularly true about Looverval Chateau, near Bouras, where German masses were obliterated by machine-guns, while eastward, by Flequennes, the enemy attack was a total failure, the whole of our line remaining intact at nightfall, but we withdrew, in the darkness in order to conform to the line on the left, where the enormous weight of the attack broke the front line. Our line, if withdrawn, holds absolutely firm. There is not the smallest sign of any break through into open warfare. The forces which the enemy has so far encountered have been comparatively light, and his losses vastly exceeded ours.

**OUR MEN CONFIDENT.**

Mr. Hamilton Fyfe, another Press correspondent in France, says:—  
The outstanding characteristic of the fighting hitherto is that we did so well under the terrific impact. Apart from the unprecedented artillery firing, the enemy's trench mortars discharged such an overwhelming weight of projectiles that wire ceased to be an obstacle on most parts of the front and trenches were destroyed, though not everywhere. No sooner were the enemy's wirecutters found than they were mowed down by our machine-guns.  
Mr. Fyfe, describing the gassing of the British batteries, says this is the first battle where the gunners have had to work continuously wearing masks. He says that when the British at one point counter-attacked at 9 on Thursday morning they bombed the enemy in the trenches he captured, then drove him at the point of the bayonet through a British barrage.  
Mr. Fyfe found the men yesterday morning to be very confident. He says the enemy's gains on the Bullecourt salient were absolutely unimportant. The enemy generally has now to attack chosen defence positions and the task of the British has become proportionately lighter.

**THE SHIPPING SITUATION.**

London, Mar. 23.  
The *Daily Telegraph* says the statistics are not calculated to dissipate national anxiety. The position is worse even than we feared, since last year's depredations have equalled a net reduction of 40 per cent. of the tonnage.  
The *Daily Chronicle* says a total tonnage of 83,000,000 is misleading. Making a large deduction for Allied shipping diverted to military and naval purposes and for neutral shipping unavailable, the real net tonnage available is probably less than half 83,000,000.

**MR. ASQUITH ON THE OFFENSIVE.**

London, Mar. 22.  
Speaking at Derby at the meeting of the National Liberal Federation, Mr. Asquith, referring to the German offensive, declared that the skill of our Generals and the indomitable tenacity of our soldiers would more than hold their own. The people of Great Britain were prepared for any sacrifice to make the cause of Freedom victorious.

**THE NATIONAL MINERS' BALLOT.**

**THE PREMIER ADDRESSES THE DELEGATES ON THE DANGERS.**

London, Mar. 22.  
The *Daily Mail* states that the Premier, greatly moved by the news from the front, has addressed the Miners' delegates on the subject of coming out. He was very emphatic in his references to the military situation and the insistence that the Miners' vote—if acted upon—would mean the installing of Bolshevism in Great Britain. The speech is said to have had an almost staggering effect on the delegates.  
Despite the result of the ballot the executive of the Miners' Federation have advised the acceptance of the Government's comb-out scheme.

**MUNITION WAGONS EXPLODE NEAR MONS.**

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 22.  
Thirty German soldiers have been killed and over a hundred injured by the explosion of 500 munition wagons at the railway station of Mevringes, near Mons.

**THE ENEMY POWERS AND RUSSIA.**

**REICHTAG APPROVES RUSSIAN PEACE TREATIES.**

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 22.  
The Reichstag has approved the Russian Peace Treaties.

**THE GERMAN ADVANCE IN RUSSIA.**

**ARMISTICE WITH RUMANIA EXTENDED.**

The Austrian Headquarters states that the armistice with Rumania has been further extended by 72 hours.

**FORTY MILES BEYOND ODESSA.**

PETROGRAD, Mar. 23.  
The Germans have occupied the town of Ochakov, forty miles north east of Odessa.

**THE CAUCASUS AND TURKEY.**

**NO SEPARATE PEACE.**

PETROGRAD, Mar. 22.  
The Four-Power Committee, the Russian, French, American and Italian High Command, regarding a separate peace, have been broken off as the Turkish demands were unacceptable.

**THE IRISH CONVENTION.**

**DECISIONS ON ALL MATERIAL POINTS REACHED.**

LONDON, Mar. 22.  
The Press Bureau states:—The Irish Convention has concluded its discussions and a statement has been received from the Grand Committee.  
Decisions have been reached on all material points.  
It has been agreed that the Chairman should prepare a draft report.  
The Convention will re-assemble on April 4th to consider the report.

**THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.**

**CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT IN GERMAN REICHTAG.**

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 22.  
In the Reichstag Herr von Dem Bussche, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a confidential statement of the Government's intentions regarding the Dutch shipping question.

**THIRTY-EIGHT VESSELS SEIZED IN AMERICAN WATERS.**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.  
Thirty-eight Dutch vessels in American ports have been seized, the Captains in each case merely making a formal protest.

**DUTCH COLONIAL TRADE.**

**IMPRESSEMENT NOT TO AFFECT IT.**

LONDON, Mar. 23.  
With regard to the statement of the Dutch Foreign Minister on Tuesday that the proposed action of the Allies in respect of Dutch shipping would render Dutch Colonial navigation impossible, Reuter is informed that this is by no means the case and such apprehension is quite unfounded. There is no intention of taking any action that would make Dutch Colonial trade impossible.

**M.P. FOR SOUTH MANCHESTER.**

LONDON, Mar. 22.  
Mr. R. Stoker, Conservative, has been returned unopposed for South Manchester.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNS.**

LONDON, Mar. 22.  
The House of Commons has been adjourned until April 9th.

**THE DRAINAGE OF THE ZUIDER ZEE.**

THE HAGUE, Mar. 22.  
The Second Chamber has unanimously passed a Bill for the drainage of the Zuider Zee.

**THE SILVER MARKET.**

GOOD TRADE DEMAND.  
LONDON, Mar. 23.  
Silver is quoted at 44½.  
There is a good trade demand and scarcity of offerings.

**AMERICA'S SILVER SCHEME.**

MESSRS. MONTAGU ON ITS EFFECT.  
LONDON, Mar. 23.  
Messrs. Samuel Montagu's Silver report is as follows:—The announcement from Washington of the 19th instant is the most important event in the Silver Market recently. If the Bill then mentioned becomes law, which seems more than likely, the effect will be to establish the price at a somewhat higher level than for some time past. Eventually the price would settle down and remain "pegged" at about 46d. per ounce standard, plus charges, which will vary, but are at present about 7 per cent.  
The rise of 3½d. during the week brings the price a little nearer the American parity. Probably the upward movement will continue.  
The trade demand is heavy owing to the anxiety of the manufacturers to secure as much as possible before the American scheme has full effect. The rising tendency has been further accentuated by reduced offerings.  
The Indian silver holding has again decreased.

**MR. ASQUITH ON THE IRISH SOLUTION.**

RECONCILIATION NECESSARY FOR ALLIED CAUSE.  
LONDON, Mar. 22.  
Mr. Asquith, in a speech at the National Liberal Federation meeting at Derby, said an Anglo-Irish reconciliation was very urgent in the interest of the Allied cause and the future of the world. Despite disquieting reports, he refused to believe that an honourable solution could not be found.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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DISOINTED SCRAPS OF NEWS.  
THE ENEMY PIVOTING ON HAM.

LONDON, Mar. 23. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing in the afternoon, says:—

We are confident that the Germans' tremendous, and probably despairing, effort, will fail, but the East is a supreme one. Furthermore, our soldiers, rightly or wrongly, feel that they are engaged in the last great battle of the war. This is stiffening their will to the sacrifice, to a degree inexpressibly magnificent.

The enemy's greatest pressure is against the desolate tracts across where the Germans retreated after the battles of the Somme. Here neither tactical nor territorial gains can be of much value.

It is possible that spectacular motives desire the enemy's claim that he retrieved his former losses, thus outweighing a more definite strategic purpose.

News comes out from the thunderous vortex in disjointed scraps, which it is difficult to piece together.

At 10.30 this morning the enemy was advancing in great masses, both north and south, towards St. Eger.

At 11.35 dense columns were reported to be marching from Lagnicourt down the Bapaume-Lagnicourt road through Vaux Vraucourt.

In the afternoon bodies of cavalry were seen moving down the Ham, Metz and the Ham-St. Quentin roads and it is rumoured that some infantry crossed the Somme Canal.

If it is correct it suggests that the Germans are attempting a turning movement, pivoting on Ham, in which case, owing to the masses of troops at their disposal, the situation here may prove less promising than along the rest of the line of withdrawal.

Meanwhile, the weather remains brilliant and a terrible slaughter of the enemy hordes continues from ground and air.

GERMAN PLANS UNFULFILLED.

LONDON, Mar. 24. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on Saturday evening, says:—

We captured copies of the German plan of offensive which shows that the enemy objectives were: On the first day an average penetration on the whole front for eight kilometres, on the second day twelve kilometres, and on the third day, beyond which the scheme does not appear to be carried, twenty kilometres.

The success attained, so far, falls much short of these objectives.

The captured machine-guns include some identified as having been used in the Balkans last year.

An enemy attempt to cross the Somme by means of four bridges thrown across last night was detected and frustrated with great loss, by our artillery. All roads along which the German Army advanced have been blocked by columns of troops, guns and transport, targets on which we are making deadly play.

The rough estimates of the casualties inflicted vary between 30 to 50 per cent. of all the Divisions so far identified, but I give the figures for what they may be worth. They are probably based mainly on the prisoners' statements.

SURPRISE ATTACK FAILS.

LONDON, Mar. 24. A French communiqué states:—

After a violent bombardment the enemy unsuccessfully attempted a surprise attack south of Juvin-court.

There was somewhat lively artillery firing in the regions of Bois-le-Prete and the Vosges, near La Fontenelle and Hartmannswillerkopf.

LONDON, Mar. 24. A French communiqué states:—

There have been artillery actions, sometimes violent, south of the Oise and in the region of Rheims and in Lorraine and between Hanau and the Vosges.

An enemy coup-de-main in the Hirtzbach Wood and Upper Alsace broke down under our fire.

THE ENEMY'S REPORTS.  
CLAIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED 25,000.

LONDON, Mar. 23. 5.20 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

We stormed the heights northward and north-westward of Croisilles and penetrated the second position between Fontaine-Croisilles and Mourmes.

We captured Vaux Vraucourt and Morchies, and also the heights westward of Goudencourt, Heudicourt and Villers Faucon.

We stormed Boisel and Marquais and encircled the Ephe heights from north and south and drove back strong counter-attacks.

We stormed the heights northward of Vermand.

The enemy evacuated the positions south-westward of Cambrai and we pursued across Demicourt, Flequières and Ribecourt.

We crossed the heights of Savy and Roupy and also broke through the enemy lines southward of the Somme.

We drove the enemy over the Cuxa Canal.

The Jaggers crossed the Oise and stormed the heights westward of La Fere.

The prisoners taken, so far, number 25,000. We have captured 400 guns and 800 machine-guns.

A BOASTFUL CLAIM.

LONDON, Mar. 23. 11 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

The first stage of the great battle is ended. We won engagements near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere.

A considerable part of the English Army has been beaten.

We are fighting approximately on a line north-eastward of Bapaume, Peronne and Ham.

ENEMY CLAIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED PERONNE.

LONDON, Mar. 24. 6.25 p.m.

A wireless German official report claims to have captured Peronne.

It adds the prisoners have increased to 30,000 and the guns to 800.

BRITISH CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, Mar. 24. For the first time in this war the German communiqué yesterday described the Kaiser as commanding the battle, while the captures recorded are credited to the armies under the German Crown Prince and Crown Prince Rupprecht. Thus the opinion in the Allied capitals is confirmed that the Kaiser has staked all in the present offensive, hoping to secure for his Dynasty the glory of victory he expects.

The situation is viewed very seriously in London, but in nowise pessimistically. That the British line would bend was expected, but confidence is felt that it will not break.

The losses which the Germans claim to have inflicted are not regarded as out of proportion to what may be expected in a vast conflict.

The Sunday Times says: "The German military caste are out for victory, even if to gain it they must destroy the people to whom its fruits were promised. They must continue to fling fresh Divisions into the blood bath for the simple reason that they must have daily successes to chronicle; but with time on our side and fewer troops to meet, our Generals may reasonably count on holding enough reserves to deal the crushing counter-stroke, when Field-Marshal von Hindenburg has shattered his last legions against the impregnable British wall."

The Observer says: "There is nothing in the figures mentioned by the enemy to shake the nerve of the nation, but the very news calls the country to the greatest moral uprising since the first months of the war. Reserves and reinforcements in large numbers and munitions must be supplied for the conflict. The nation must take the last ounce of itself in the next few months."

THE RUMANIAN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Mar. 24. A German official communiqué says:—

The Rumanian armistice has been prolonged for three days.

## THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

TONNAGE TO DUTCH PORTS EXCEED REQUIREMENTS.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 23.

The British Minister, in a letter to the Dutch Foreign Minister, states that the associated Governments believe that the Dutch ships now in their ports do not fully correspond to the tonnage anticipated under the agreement, and the vessels in or bound to Dutch ports will be found to exceed the tonnage needed for imports to the Netherlands and her Colonies, calculated on the basis of the original tonnage proposals and provisionally agreed to by the Dutch delegates.

If it should be proved to the satisfaction of the associated Governments that this is not the case, the latter will be ready to make up any deficiency in tonnage left at Holland's disposal on the lines of a general arrangement, regarding the use and distribution of Dutch tonnage as soon as the Netherlands Government has supplied the figures of tonnage now in or bound to Dutch ports.

STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN MINISTER.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 23.

The American Legation, in a communication to the Press, states that the fear that the requisitioned Dutch ships are permanently lost to the Dutch flag is baseless. The United States have not taken any title to the ships under the President's proclamation, but merely their temporary use. Liberal chartering rates will be paid and the ships will be returned at the termination of the present emergency, not later than the end of the war.

The United States assumes all war and marine risks and in the event of loss by enemy action in the war zone the owners will be given the option of receiving payment of the value of the vessel or having the vessel replaced as soon as possible after the war, in the meantime receiving interest on the value of the vessel lost.

The Dutch crews and officers will be maintained at the expense of the United States until a suitable opportunity for repatriation offers.

WHEAT FOR THE ALLIES.

AMERICAN CONSUMPTION REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.

To furnish the Allies with the necessary wheat till harvest the Food Administration has ordered the American consumption to be reduced by half.

AERIAL RAIDS ON ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Mar. 24. A British-Italian official report states:—

Aeroplanes, without loss, destroyed eight enemy machines and brought down another, uncontrollable.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Mar. 25. Silver is quoted at 45L. The conditions are unaltered and the Market is firm.

O.S.K. FREIGHT SERVICE TO MARSEILLES.

LONDON, Mar. 25. It is officially announced that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has decided to inaugurate a monthly freight service to Bombay and Marseilles via the Suez Canal.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Mar. 25. The death is announced of Vice-Admiral W. Osborne Moore.

THE PENANG CENSOR.

WHAT HE DOES NOT KNOW.

On the 27th of last month a Bangkok firm despatched a cable asking a quotation for chankols. Presently the message was referred back from Penang to Bangkok because "chankols" could not be found in the Code and must be explained, says a Bangkok contemporary under the above heading.

The firm replied to the Telegraph Office that "chankol" is a recognised name in the East and everywhere else, and that it means "hoe."

To this the Telegraph Office said it was a Malay expression, and to make its meaning clear to a censor in Penang would take nine extra words, and they would have to be paid for.

Eventually a compromise was reached on four extra words, costing £7.50. And by that time it was the 31st instant.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

ENEMY'S GAINS UNIMPORTANT.

LONDON, Mar. 22.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says the offensive is proceeding in glorious weather. Definite details are still unobtainable, but despite our slight ground under an unprecedented weight of men and guns, the enemy gains are nowhere of real strategic importance. The withdrawal everywhere was carried out in orderly manner after exacting a fearful price. The airman report that the ground in the enemy's rear is strewn with grey corpses.

It has been noted that all the attacking troops are clad in new uniforms and it may be remembered in this connection that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg boasted that he would be in Paris on April 1st. Anyway, he is certainly easygoing to break through in record time and as his Divisions mark away under torrents of shells and bullets fresh cases are being up.

Forty enemy Divisions, including four of the Prussian Guards, have been identified on the front line of attack, and by last night already some troops had been relieved.

Responsible quarters are gratified at the magnificent manner in which our troops are withstanding the ordeal. Not a single Division has failed to falter. Against one sector of 10,000 yards it has been estimated that the Germans employed one gun for every fifteen yards, not counting trench-mortars, and it is noteworthy that some actual retirements were made only upon orders after the troops had held the trenches intact through the whole day against violent assaults.

The first dense waves in yesterday's attacks were frequently held up by our wire. The Germans halted and backed their way through, whilst our riflemen and gunners were making a veritable shambles of the ground.

The enemy fought with sturdy valour, for it was picked Divisions that were participating.

Our airmen are serving magnificently, flying low and attacking the enemy formations, who are machine-gunning our trenches.

In one place eight German Divisions attacked on a front held by eight battalions of ours. The front line here has been destroyed by weight of metal, but the supports achieved a great defence and not only held the enemy, but compelled the withdrawal last evening of some of his Divisions and the Germans lost a certain number of guns through entering the barrage. Gas shells have been largely used. We are also employing these projectiles, neutralising whole batteries thereby.

THE LORD MAYOR'S TELEGRAM.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

The Lord Mayor of London has telegraphed to Sir Douglas Haig, "London is watching with profound emotion and grateful admiration the splendid resistance the British and Overseas troops are heroically offering to the attacks of the enemy and renews its full confidence in the complete victory of our gallant and devoted troops. They will remain in our prayers and thoughts throughout these anxious days."

THE BRITISH PRESS HOPEFUL.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

The papers are unanimously hopeful of the outcome of the great battle and dwell on the accuracy of the British intelligence in divining the enemy's intentions and foreseeing the points and time of the attack. They are confident that the Allied line, though it may bend, will not break, short of some undisclosed and formidable surprise. It is emphasised that the battle is only beginning.

The assault on the Cambrai front, which was probably chosen because the unlikeliest place for a winter season weeks earlier than the Franco-Belgian fronting districts, may not represent the main and ultimate feature of the enemy's offensive. There may yet be a sudden attack elsewhere, but no doubt is felt that the defensive system, ceaselessly elaborated during the winter months and defended by troops inspired with the unconquerable spirit which barred the road to Ypres, will hold the enemy.

It is believed the Germans are attacking because they think they can win a victory that will end the war and because they cannot afford to wait. Hence failure now will mean the definite defeat of Germany.

The papers exhort the people at home to steel their hearts for a tale of losses, not to be depressed by momentary checks or to be too exultant over successes, but to emulate the calmness and steadiness of the heroes of the Front.

GERMAN PEOPLE HIGHLY STRUNG.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

German telegrams received for Amsterdam show that the people are highly strung by the news of the battle. Their papers insist that the rulers have left nothing undone to spare the people a terrible blood bath.

Special services of interest have been ordered in the churches. The Kaiser, the Crown Prince, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff left Spa on Wednesday for a chateau near St. Quentin to watch the troops move in battle.

TROUBLE AVERTED.

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## BRITISH RETIRING IN GOOD ORDER.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Heavy fighting continued on the whole battle front until late last night. Powerful attacks with a great weight of infantry and artillery in the afternoon broke through our defensive system westward of St. Quentin and we are falling back in good order to prepared positions farther west.

Our troops are holding their positions in the northern portion of the battle front.

Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is in progress.

FRENCH TRIBUTE TO BRITISH DEFENCE.

A POSSIBLE MOVE BY THE ENEMY.

PARIS, Mar. 23.

Speaking in the Chamber, M. Clemenceau stated that the Allied Staffs have every reason to be satisfied with the results of the first great attack and he is extremely pleased with the results.

M. Clemenceau says the British are reacting with prodigious endurance and he is heartily congratulating them.

The newspapers also pay the highest tributes to the British defence. Some are of the opinion that the enemy possibly contemplates, after fixing the British Reserves on the front attack, to make a massive attack on the Anglo-Belgian left wing in the direction of Calais, between the Yser and Arras, thus directly threatening Great Britain, but the Allies are everywhere prepared.

FRENCH DISPERSE ATTACK.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

A French communiqué says:—

The enemy is spasmodically and fairly violently bombarding our front and rear lines north of Chemin-de-Dames in the region of Rheims and in Lorraine.

We dispersed an attack in the region of Balency in Woerwa.

PARIS SUBURBS SHELLED.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

An official message from Paris says:—

The enemy is shelling Paris suburbs at long range. A 240 mm. gun is firing every quarter of an hour. A dozen people have been killed and fifteen wounded.

Counter measures are being taken.

AIR-RAID ON FRENCH TOWNS.

PARIS, Mar. 23.

A group of enemy aeroplanes crossed the lines and bombed Compeigne and various towns and districts.

Some machines pushed southward, but gun fire compelled them to retreat.

The alarm was given in Paris but "all clear" was signalled in half an hour.

OFFENSIVE ON SALONIKA.

GERMANO-BULGAR PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

A telegram from Paris reports that the French expert says the Germans and Bulgars are preparing a big offensive on Salonika for the Spring. Their forces in Macedonia are estimated at 400,000.

THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

JORDAN CROSSED.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

An official message from Palestine says:—

Our parties crossed the Jordan despite a strong current yesterday morning. The river was then bridged.

We established ourselves on the left bank and made progress eastwards encountering considerable resistance. The operations continue.

IMPRESSMENT OF DUTCH SHIPS.

ALLIES HOLY DENOUNCED.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 22.

In the Chamber, after M. Landon had announced the Allied requisitioning of Dutch ships, speakers of various Parties denounced the Allies, especially America, for what they asserted was an act of injustice, but they admitted that Holland was only able to make a dignified protest.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

DECISION RELIEVES TENSION.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

The Daily Chronicle says the whole Empire, the United States and the Allies will learn with relief that the Irish Convention has reached a "decision."

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## THE NEW SPANISH CABINET.

PREMIER'S HOPES.

MADRID, Mar. 23.

Senor Maun, addressing enthusiastic Houses of Parliament, said he hoped the country would settle down quietly under the Coalition. He announced that the recent decrees dissolving and militarising the postal services had been cancelled.

WATERFORD BY-ELECTION.

A SINN FEIN LOSS.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

The Waterford bye-election result is as follows:—

Captain Redmond (Nationalist), son of the late Mr. John Redmond, 1,242.

Doctor White (Sinn Fein) 764.

A TAURIDEAN REPUBLIC.

CRIMEA INCLUDED.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 23.

The Soviets have formed a Tauridean Republic including the whole of the Crimea.

AMERICAN IMPORTS RESTRICTED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation restricting the imports of non-essentials in order to prevent draining the Allies and to facilitate the quick return of ships to America for reloading.

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THE SHANGHAI SHARE FRAUDS.

THE FIRST CASE COMMENCED.

The first case arising out of the recent frauds in Shanghai was commenced in H. M. Supreme Court last week when the case of *Shanghai Share Frauds* was heard.

The case was heard by Mr. Justice Macpherson, who is held in custody in Japan.

Mr. W. W. Turner, Accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said in his affidavit:—

The said L. C. Lemos had been in the employ of the Bank for 16 years and had been in the Accountant's office for seven years and by me and other officials of the Bank was considered to be a trustworthy servant.

In view of the menace to others and the spread of this illness through ignorance and carelessness, I have endeavored to spread the knowledge of the disease among the Chinese and to prevent further sickness, it is respectfully suggested that the following means be immediately adopted by your honorable body to wit:—

(1) That a convenient station or stations be established in the Chinese quarter in charge of a capable European surgeon, to whom all cases of the disease should be referred.

(2) That suitable publicity be given by the employment of bystanders in Chinese newspapers, by posters placed in the streets, and otherwise, admonishing all the Chinese to immediately appear for examination if conscious of experiencing any of the earliest symptoms of the disease, and plainly stating what the symptoms are.

(3) By notifying all Chinese physicians and druggists that they shall immediately inform your Board (or your representative at the station to be established) of any person applying for relief, and of any of the symptoms described, and to penalize any failure to so report.

I have observed that the intelligent Chinese are now being made by the officers, and appreciate the difficulty under which you are laboring. We don't want to see all public gatherings forbidden, and the theatres closed, we don't want to see this most beautiful city of the Orient, marred by an epidemic of this disease, and I feel sure that all will gladly do their bit to keep it clean. If a layman has presumed to make a suggestion which only from his long friendship for the Chinese people, it is hoped that you will pardon him, realizing that he stands at your service, and assist you in any manner possible to the fullest extent.

Very respectfully,  
CLARKSON DYE,  
Hongkong.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER EPIDEMIC.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"]

Sir,—I send, enclosed, a copy of certain suggestions, addressed to the head of the Civil Medical Department of the Colony, in an endeavour to aid in stamping out the present epidemic of cerebro-spinal fever.

These suggestions are respectfully offered for consideration, after a conference with several of the more prominent Chinese, who have the welfare of the community at heart.

I shall be glad to personally assist in the matter, to the fullest extent, feeling that it is only through the adoption of some vigorous steps that the present menace may be removed.

Very respectfully,  
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